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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ILO - COMMENTS ON GB CHAIRMAN

1. AT MEETING ON OCT 17, GB OFFICERS: (A) UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED IDEA OF NOVEMBER GB TAKING DECISION ON SUCCESSOR TO JENKS, (B) INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR ELECTION AT FEBRUARY/ MARCH SESSION, AND (C) WITH EXCEPTION OF CHAIRMAN, AGREED THAT DDG ABBAS AMMAR SHOULD CONTINUE AS ACTING DG UNTIL SUCCESSOR NAMED.

2. GB CHAIRMAN MUNOZ-LEDO CALLED ON CHARGE OCT 23 TO INFORM HIM OF ABOVE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS RE ILO SUCCESSION SITUATION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD REFRAINED FROM ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH (C) ABOVE BEFORE HE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVT REPS ON GB. MUNOZ-LEDO WAS SURPRISED WHEN AMMAR IN RESPONSE TO SUPPORT OFFERED BY MORRIS AND BERGENSTROM FOR INTERIM TERM SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED TIME TO CONSIDER OFFER. AMMAR DID INDICATE THAT DURING PERIOD FROM JENKS' DEATH UNTIL CONVENING OF NOVEMBER GB, HE DID NOT INTEND MAKE ANY PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS OR PROMOTIONS.

3. QUESTION OF AMMAR'S OWN CONTRACT STATUS WAS RAISED. HE IS NOW 66 YEARS OLD AND HIS PRESENT CONTRACT EXPIRES IN SHORT TIME, ACCORDING TO MUNOZ-LEDO. AMMAR MAINTAINED THAT JENKS HAD
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PROMISED TO EXTEND HIS CONTRACT UNTIL MAY 1975 AND THAT ADMINISTRA-

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TIVE PROCESSING HAD BEGUN BUT WAS NOT COMPLETED BEFORE JENKS' DEATH.

4. COMMENT: UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE AT NOVEMBER GB IF MEMBERS COME PREPARED TO SUPPORT AN INTERIM ACTING DG TERM FOR AMMAR, AS LEAST CONTROVERSIAL COURSE OF ACTION, ONLY TO FIND AMMAR BALKING AT THE ARRANGEMENT. AMMAR'S CONTRACT STATUS COULD ALSO POSE A PROBLEM. JENKS' DESIRE TO KEEP AMMAR ON WAS KNOWN IN GENEVA AND IT WAS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT HE HAD COMPLETED ACTION TO EXTEND AMMAR'S CONTRACT UNTIL MAY 1975 DESPITE ABSENCE OF ANY AUTHORITY IN CONSTITUTION, STANDING ORDERS, OR STAFF REGULATIONS FOR DG TO EXTEND ANY EMPLOYEE BEYOND AGE 65. GB MAY BE FORCED TO TAKE MATTER UNDER ITS CONSIDERATION.
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